



# HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

**93.18%**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

12th - 15th May - SATs Week

19th - 23rd May - Walk/Scoot/Bike To School Week

26th - 30th May - Half Term

2nd June - Return To School - Summer Term 2

4th June - Y6 Swimming Starts

2nd - 13th June - Y4 Multiplication Check

9th - 13th June - Y1 Phonics Check

13th June - Sports Day

16th - 20th June - Y6 Arthog Residential

23rd June - Reception Intake Visit I

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Gardening Club - 19th May

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 12th May

Week 1 Menu

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter @highley\_school

Facebook @highleyprimary

Instagram @highleyschool

School App

**9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

## MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although it has been quite cool in the mornings (and some days), be aware that the sun is as hot now as it is in the middle of August! Please ensure that your children are taking all precautions for sun safety. All children should have a hat or a cap - please keep checking the forecast and make sure that sunscreen is applied to your child before school. If they need to top up their sun protection throughout the day, please teach them how to do this independently. Next week is again warm and sunny!

There are many outdoor activities planned for the Summer Term. Please keep an eye on information as events arise as some of these activities need your permission in order to allow your child to take part. These activities along with Y6 swimming, residential etc. are not just a fun time for the children, they are also a huge part of the National Curriculum, allowing children to learn outdoor skills as well as resilience and team work. When these opportunities come up, please ensure children dress in appropriate clothing and arrive at school on time.

It was nice to see three Year 4 children on the TTRS podium this week in assembly - Year 4 have their multiplication tables check coming up next month so please keep logging on at home and practising recall of times tables, every little helps! The TTRS platform continues to be a fantastic tool for building fluency and confidence across the school.

Attendance has taken a dip this week - we have noticed a real increase in families taking a holiday in term time. Please can I remind you that a family holiday is not an exceptional circumstance as there are 13-weeks of school holidays for these to be taken. Please also remember that new National attendance legislation came into force this year which has seen changes to how penalty notices are issued, and how these increase for repeat offenders.

Tomorrow, don't forget that the Repair Cafe's 'Big Fix' is taking place at school 10am - 4pm where volunteers will be available here to fix your domestic appliances. Please get in touch with [repaircafehighley@gmail.com](mailto:repaircafehighley@gmail.com) if you have a larger item for them to repair, and hopefully we'll see lots of you in school tomorrow.

Finally, wishing all of our Year 6s the very best ahead of their SATS. Make sure they get good sleep over the weekend so that they are ready for action on Monday morning! Remember - Year 6s are invited to arrive a little earlier (8:30am) for a SATS breakfast (Mon-Thurs only).

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mr Plim

**TTRS ROCK HEROES**



**HARPER**



**MAGGIE**



**ZACHARY**



# Focus On SEND

This week, I thought it would be useful to share how we approach the forthcoming SATs for our SEND learners in particular.

## Pre- SATs:

We plan each day so that there are elements of the SATs from the very start of Year 6. This may just be a particular type of question, or it could be repetition of key terms so that the SATs learning is re-visited regularly and helps those who take longer to process information.

We quickly identify who needs particular help in order to access the questions that may come up in the SATs and then interventions are carried out both as part of each lesson or at other points in the day.

We speak to the children about their learning style and help them to build in revision skills that suit them. For some children, this is very pictorial; for others, it may be using a particular programme on the laptop.

## SATs week:

Provision is made so that every child approaches the tests as confidently as possible.

Some will sit with a trusted adult in a quiet space and some may prefer the formality of the hall. Some children will receive extra time (we apply for this as a school) and others will know that they can access a rest break or have their paper printed on different coloured paper.

Above all, we keep the well-being of every child in our care at the forefront of our minds when we administer these tests. Whatever our views of them are, it is our responsibility as a teaching team to ensure that the children are resilient and can face ANY challenge that is placed in front of them.

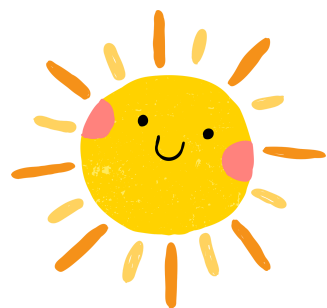
As one of the Year 6 teachers, I can honestly say that it has been a pleasure to see the children becoming more and more confident as we have neared these tests. The tests only represent a tiny fraction of the learning that we do at Highley.

Part of our learning is to understand that hard work results in change and an improvement in self-esteem.

Before any of the tests are sat next week, I know that our children will do their absolute best and support each other as they do each and every day.

Good luck Year 6! You are amazing 😊

Mrs Williams



# Stars of the Week

## Clee

The star in Clee this week is Koby. We are really proud of how hard he is working to improve his handwriting, especially as he doesn't find it easy. He has also been on fire in maths lessons this week, recalling number bonds and finding parts of numbers. A big well done Koby, keep it up!

## Miners

Blake is Miner's star this week, specifically for demonstrating our school value of relationships value so well. In fact, Blake is a shining example of all our school values, but we have particularly noticed how lovely she is with anyone and everyone; from the little things to the big things and especially in helping Mrs Ashby to be a good teacher. Keep being you Blake, you are always a star!

## Arley

Arley's star this week is Rossco! He is such a hard working young man, and has been spotted for his particular hard work in maths. He always gives 100% and is making excellent progress in the way he uses mathematical language to explain his ideas. Rossco is also our resident historian, always sharing his passion for what he has learned about the past. Great work, Rossco, keep it up!

## Netherton

Rowan is the star in Netherton class for trying really hard with your writing all week! You have shared some lovely ideas with the rest of Netherton class and tried super hard with your spellings and finger spaces. Keep being the enthusiastic learner you are!

## Station

Station's star of the week is Lara. Lara continues to show full dedication to her learning. She is always pushing herself to achieve her best and her work is always of the highest standard, whether completed in school or as part of her home learning projects. Lara is a lovely friend to everyone and is always kind and caring. Thank you, Lara - keep being you!

## KS1 Attendance Bear



Netherton

# Stars of the Week

## Hazelwells

Our star in Hazelwells Class this week is Harry, for showing a genuine interest in his learning! His enthusiasm and attitude in school are fantastic and he has a wonderful inquisitive nature! Keep being you, Harry!

## Ironbridge

Ben is our star this week for working so hard but especially on his handwriting. You have made great progress!

You always show resilience and try hard on building your relationships with others. Well done Ben!

## Severn

Blake is the star for his amazing work! All the adults have noticed how well you are getting on with your maths! You have made some fantastic choices with where to sit and you are obviously trying really hard with your behaviour. We are so blown away by this fantastic new attitude to learning. Well done!

## Hitchens

Hitchens Star is Rosie! You always shine bright like a diamond and always brighten our days with your positivity and infectious good nature. Your mentoring of the reception children over the last weeks has been a real testament to how you really live out the school values. Good luck next week!

## Wrekin

Jack is our star for really "getting" your maths this week! When finding symmetry in shapes and translating the shapes on a grid, you were 'Geometry King'. We were so impressed by your resilience, dedication and mathematical knowledge! Well done Jack - great preparation for your SATs next week!

## KS2 Attendance Trophy

